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SUBJ: AFGHANISTAN - NEW CONSTITUTION

REF: KABUL 2680

1. FOLLOWING UP PRESIDENT DAOUD'S REMARKS RE FORTHCOMING NEW "DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE" CONSTITUTION TO INDIAN JOURNALIST, NWC STUDENT ASKED DEPPRIMIN SHARQ MAY 5 ABOUT GOA INTENTIONS. SHARQ RESPONDED AT SOME LENGTH BUT KEY POINT MADE WAS THAT NEW CONSTITUTION "MIGHT NOT BE FINISHED BY FIRST ANNIVERSARY JULY COUP." SHARQ AVOIDED QUESTION WHAT CURRENT CONSTITUTIONS BEING USED AS MODEL BY NOTING GOA PROFITTING FROM MISTAKES (UNIDENTIFIED) IN ITS PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED NEED TO "MAKE HASTE SLOWLY" SINCE MANY COUNTRIES HAD ADOPTED CONSTITUTIONS IN FIRST FLUSH OF CHANGE ONLY TO FIND IT WAS NOT SUITED TO THEIR NEEDS.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST STATEMENT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE OF WHICH WE AWARE INDICATING NEW CONSTITUTION MAY NOT BE PROMULGATED BY JULY 17. DEPMINJUSTICE ZHOUAND LAST WEEK INDICATED TO ADCM THAT PROGRESS WAS SLOW BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE. SUBJECT OBVIOUSLY CONTINUES BE SENSITIVE ONE. ELIOT

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